THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Two units (No. 6 and 4) of 500 MW each at Ramagundam STPS of NTPC tripped on 16th October and 17th October, 2001 respectively due to Water Wall Tube leakages, which are normal happenings and such failures are attended to promptly . Unit No. 6 which tripped on 16th October, 2001, was synchronized after attending to the leakage on 17.10.2001 while Unit No. 4 was taken out for annual boiler overhaul by NTPC.

Progress of Ramagundam Stage-III System Transmission Project

2528. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Ramagundam stage-III system Transmission Project is progressing as per schedule; and

(b) if so, by when this system will become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The investment approval for the Scheme for Strengthening of Grid System and Evacuation of Power from Ramagundam Stage-III Power Project has been issued by the Government on 30th August, 2001. The transmission project, being executive by POWERGRID, is progressing according to the schedule and is expected to become operational by August, 2005 matching with NTPC Ramagundam State-III generation project.

Generation of One Lakh MW of Power by 2012

2529. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has planned to generate an additional one lakh MW of power by 2012 base through the 16th Electric Power Survey; and

(b) if so, the expected production from different sources in the coming year, year-wise?